



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LOBBYIST EXPENDITURE REPORT CALENDAR YEAR - 2012

Section 2-11.1(s) - Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida

Please Type or Print in Ink

Lobbyist Name (Please type or print clearly.)

Principal Name or Company Name (Please type or print clearly.)

CATEGORIES OF EXPENDITURES

Food & Beverage	
Entertainment	
Research	
Communications	
Media / Advertising	
Publications	
Travel	
Lodging	
Special Events	
Other	

OATH

I do solemnly swear that all facts contained on this Lobbyist Expenditure Report form are true and correct; and that I have read and am familiar with the provisions contained in Section 2-11.1(s) (6) (b) of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

Signature of Lobbyist

Date

For Office Use Only:

Data Entry Date _____, 20____. Entered By _____

Form Revision Date: 03/29/2012



I. WHO MUST FILE

a. Any lobbyist who has registered must file an expenditure form detailing any expenditures related to lobbying for **each principal** in the period from January 1, through December 31.

II. WHAT MUST BE FILED

a. Each lobbyist must file the attached lobbyist expenditure form for each principal for which he or she was authorized to lobby. In preparing the form, the following definitions should be used:

1. **Expenditures**- An expenditure is a payment, distribution, loan, advance or reimbursement made or controlled directly or indirectly, by a lobbyist or a principal for the purpose of lobbying. Expenses should be reported if they were incurred during the reporting period regardless of when they were actually paid.
2. **Communications**- Communications is the dissemination of information, including, but not limited to, by means of the following:
 - a. Audio-visual materials; and
 - b. Signs, placards, banners, buttons, promotional materials and other display materials; together with any associated production services.
3. **Entertainment**- Entertainment is amusement or recreation, including but not limited to sporting, hunting, fishing, theatrical, artistic, cultural and musical activities or events.
4. **Food and Beverages**- Food and Beverages are meals, snacks or other edible substances, or liquids for drinking, including services associated therewith.
5. **Lodging**- Lodging is sleeping or living accommodations for an individual for one or more nights.
6. **Media Advertising**- Media Advertising is newspaper and magazine advertising, radio and television advertising, and outdoor advertising, including production services and copywriting services.
7. **Other**- Other is any item or service that is not included within one of the specified categories, but does not include any item or service that is not required by law to be reported.
8. **Publications** - Publications are mass-produced, printed materials including, but not limited to magazines, newsletters, brochures or pamphlets, which expressly encourage persons to communicate with county employees or officials in an attempt to influence the official actions of employees or officials or which are designed to communicate with employees or officials.
9. **Research**- Research is the procurement of information relating to a specific issue, regardless of the form or medium in which that information is provided, including but not limited to surveys, bill tracking services, information services, periodicals and consultants or consultant services to gather data or statistics.
10. **Special Events**- Special Events mean large-scale occurrences, including but not limited to receptions, banquets or dinners to which 200 or more persons are invited and for which the expenditures associated with hosting the occurrence are negotiated with a single catering service or facility at a set price or which include multiple expenditure categories.
11. **Travel**- Travel is the transporting of an individual from one place to another, regardless of the means used.

III. WHAT IS EXCLUDED

- a. Political contributions and expenditures which are reported under election laws as well as campaign-related personal services provided without compensation.
- b. A lobbyist's or principal's salary, office expenses and personal expenses for lodging, meals and travel. Communications, publications and research are office expenses unless they are performed by independent contractors rather than staff of the principal or the lobbyist.

IV. PENALTIES

a. A late fine of fifty dollars per day per report shall be assessed for each report filed after the due date. Lobbyists who fail to pay the fine on a timely basis will be reported by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners to the Commission of Ethics and Public Trust.

b. The Commission on Ethics and Public Trust may also assess any other penalties provided for in the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance including reprimand, censure or suspension from lobbying for a period not to exceed two years.

V. APPEALS

a. A lobbyist may appeal a late fine and request a hearing for failing to file a timely report by filing an appeal with the Commission on Ethics and Public Trust within fifteen days of receiving notification of the late filing from the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners.

b. The appeal should be forwarded to Robert Myers, Executive Director, Commission on Ethics and Public Trust, 19 West Flagler Street, Suite 220, Miami, Florida 33130.

VI. MORE INFORMATION

Any questions regarding the revised expenditure form should be addressed to:

Miriam Ramos
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Commission on Ethics and Public Trust
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Suite 220,
Miami, Florida 33130.
(305) 579-2594 or (305) 579-2656 (fax)

Submit Reports to:

Clerk of the Board
111 N.W. 1st Street
Suite 17-202
Miami FL 33128